

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1047

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the week of May 6-13, 2006 as
"National Safe Kids Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 1 to 14; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, 838 children ages 14 and under died as a result of unintentional drowning; and

WHEREAS, more than half of drownings among children ages 1 to 4 are pool-related; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, nearly 4,200 children ages 14 and under were treated in hospital emergency rooms for unintentional drowning-related incidents; and

WHEREAS, childhood drownings and near-drownings can happen in a matter of seconds; and

WHEREAS, as many as 20 percent of near-drowning survivors suffer severe, permanent neurological disability; and

WHEREAS, other risks in the pool, hot tub, and spa environment include body entrapment, hair-entanglement, and evisceration/disembowelment; and

WHEREAS, from 1985 to 2004, more than 130 children ages 14 and under were injured as a result of pool or hot tub entrapment; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Worldwide, in partnership with founding sponsor Johnson & Johnson, will launch a swimming pool, hot tub, and spa safety initiative called "Safe Pools for Safe Kids" to protect children from drowning, entrapment, entanglement, and evisceration risks; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Safe Kids Coalition will hold local community outreach events during Safe Kids Week 2006 to promote "Safe Pools for Safe Kids"; and

WHEREAS, citizens throughout Tennessee will hear the important message of Safe Kids Week to promote a safe pool, hot tub, and spa environment by the use of fences/barriers, door alarms, pool alarms, and drain covers; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Week 2006 includes a nationwide public education campaign and the release of a research report about parents' attitudes and behaviors around drowning prevention to assist in the overall mission of Safe Kids Worldwide and Tennessee Safe Kids Coalition: keeping kids safe; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby proclaim the week of May 6-13, 2006, as "National Safe Kids Week" in Tennessee and call upon all the residents of Tennessee to join with us in supporting the efforts and activities of Tennessee Safe Kids Coalition to provide "Safe Pools for Safe Kids."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.